

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

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Applicant: Joseph P. MARQUIS et al.  
Title: TRANSPORTERS AND ION CHANNELS  
Appl. No.: Unassigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: